



## ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

**MEETING DATE:** August 19, 2013  
**AGENDA ITEM:** AHS Graduation Location for 2014  
**PRESENTER:** Lynn McKinney

**ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):**

Parents and Community-Parents and members of the community will have meaningful opportunities to participate in the educational processes of the Aledo ISD.

**Background Information:**

- AHS has graduated from TCU, Daniel Meyer Coliseum, for the last decade as the facilities are close to our district, have reasonable costs, have the ability to accommodate our number of guests, and is a good setting.
- We were notified in the spring of 2013 that Daniel Meyer Coliseum would not be available for graduation for the 2013-2014 or the 2014-2015 school years due to the renovation of their facility. An immediate search for a new facility began that would accommodate our numbers without having to limit the number of guests for each graduate and that would be a reasonable travel distance.
- 7 facilities were considered: University of North Texas (UNT), University of Texas in Arlington (UTA), Bass Performance Hall, TCU Landreth Hall, Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Tarrant County Convention Center (TCCC), and the Mansfield ISD Center for Performance Arts.
- Of the 7 facilities reviewed 3 were eliminated due to seating limitations (less than 2100 seats); Bass Hall, TCU Landreth Hall, and Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Of the remaining 4 facilities, 3 were eliminated due to availability on our requested graduation date window, UNT, UTA and TCCC.
- Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts met our graduation needs as they have the ability to accommodate our numbers- seats 5300, there is adequate parking, met our graduation date window, and was a reasonable distance from our community, 36 miles. (Past location, TCU, is a distance of 18.3 miles)
- ***Graduation will be held at the Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.***

**Administrative Considerations:**

- AHS plans to publicize the change in graduation facilities in early September on the high school and district website. In addition, a letter will be mailed to all senior parents and an Alert Now message from Mr. Peterson will go out so that all senior parents may begin to make the appropriate plans for this important event.
- Mr. Peterson is already working on securing a facility for the 2014-2015 school year graduation ceremony.

**FISCAL NOTE:**

The costs are comparable to what we have paid to utilize Daniel Meyer Coliseum in the past – approximately \$12,000 for all costs associated with the facility usage.

**Administrative Recommendation:**

This is a report item only; we wanted the board to be aware of this required change in graduation location.